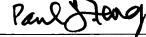


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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed September 30, 2005, the response to which is due December 30, 2005.

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